

DISASTER MEDICAL SERVICES DIVISION

Activity & Description	Primary Contact EMSA (916) 322-4336	Updates
1. Ambulance Strike Teams (AST) System Development	Lisa Schoenthal, ext. 463	The Ambulance Strike Team (AST) sub-committee work group had a 2-day meeting in February to revise the AST system manual. The committee is also working to revise the AST leader training and to develop a continuing education process for AST leaders. Placement locations have been determined for the 25 Disaster Medical Support Units (DMSU). MOUs have been secured with agencies/providers who have agreed to house all 25 DMSUs. Twenty-four DMSUs have been placed so far. Next steps include the AST Committee of the whole reviewing the product of the workgroup.
2. California Disaster Medical Assistance Teams (CAL-MAT)	Anne Bybee, ext. 407	The contractor is providing operational readiness, management and personnel support to maintain two of EMSA's three Response Stations in coordination with the Response Resources Unit of Disaster Medical Services. CAL-MAT deployment response capability will be provided by the contractor when tasked by EMSA.  EMSA is releasing a Request for Information (RFI) to explore options for the upcoming fiscal year for services in three focus areas: Logistical and Operational Readiness; Personnel Deployment and Response; Training and Exercises. Anyone interested in this RFI should contact Anne Bybee.
3. CAL-MAT Cache	Bill Hartley, ext 314	Making adjustments to the caches for deployment of medical specialty teams and making additional equipment purchases with input from the end-users. Re-modeling the cache to be more user friendly and standardized at all three stations.
4. California Disaster Medical Network (CDMN)	Anne M. Bybee, ext. 407	EMSA is working with CDPH and other partners to implement an interim hospital data collection system that meets federal Hav BED requirements. At this time there are no new activities.
5. California Disaster Medical Operations Manual (CDMOM)	Juan Perez, ext. 472	December 3, 2008 the CDMOM was approved by the Commission on EMS. EMSA, with the RDMHS, will begin working with Local Emergency Medical Services Agencies to conduct training and to assist with local implementation.
6. Disaster Interest Group (DIG)	Patrick Lynch, ext. 452	Hospital First Receiver and hospital re-population guidelines were discussed at the January meeting. An update of the UC Davis "ESCAPE" project was provided.
7. Disaster Medical Managers	Patrick Lynch, ext. 452	A peer review session was held in December to evaluate the course content, assist with enhancing the content, and discuss the topics that need further revision. Based upon this review, discussions are underway with CSTI for re-vamping the course. Significant dates will be distributed as determined.

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8. Disaster Healthcare Volunteers of California (California's ESAR-VHP program) Registering & Credentialing Mobilizing Health Care Personnel	Lisa Schoenthal, ext. 463	<p>EMSA has renamed the California Medical Volunteers System to the Disaster Healthcare Volunteers System. It has been determined that this new name is more inclusive of all medical and health professionals. The new website is <a href="https://www.healthcarevolunteers.ca.gov">https://www.healthcarevolunteers.ca.gov</a>. The previous URL will link a prospective volunteer automatically to the new site.</p> <p>EMSA has been working simultaneously to develop policies and procedures for the designated Operational Area System Administrators to manage and use the ESAR-VHP system locally. EMSA Staff, in conjunction with the Medical Reserve Corps Advisory Committee, has drafted a document titled, "Disaster Healthcare Volunteers/MRC Principles of Operations", a guide for the deployment of MRC Units at a local, regional, and statewide level. This document has been distributed to all 58 County Health Officers, MHOACs, LEMSA Administrators, MRC Coordinators, RDMHSs and CDPH EPO staff for comments.</p> <p>54 of the 58 counties have trained system administrators currently. System administrator training is ongoing.</p> <p>The new DHV brochure is completed and is now utilized for marketing.</p>
9. Exercises and Training	Patrick Lynch, ext. 452	EMSA is working with CDPH and other partners to implement an interim hospital data collection system that meets federal Hav BED requirements. At this time procedures are being vetted and an exercise is upcoming.
Emergency Response Training Advisory Committee	Patrick Lynch, ext. 452  Anne Bybee, ext. 407	<p>a. A peer review session was held in December to evaluate the course content, assist with enhancing the content, and discuss the topics that need further revision. Based upon this review, discussions are underway with CSTI for re-vamping the course. Significant dates will be distributed as determined.</p> <p>b. MST Training Program has received ODP approval for national activities.</p> <p>c. MST follow-up practical training included activation at the Golden Guardian 2008 field training event at March Air Reserve Base in November 2008.</p>
Statewide Exercises:		
a. Statewide Medical Health Exercise	Patrick Lynch, ext. 452	The next Statewide Medical Health Exercise is scheduled for June 18, 2009. CDPH will be the lead exercise developer. EMSA will provide appropriate input and support.
10. Medical Sheltering	Patrick Lynch, ext. 452	California Department of Public Health, CDPH, has received funding for the project of Medical Shelters guidelines and will be the lead agency for this project.

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<b>11. Mission Support Team (MST)</b>	Anne Bybee, ext. 407	<p>a. MST was deployed to support Golden Guardian 2008 with MFH set-up and CAL-MAT, CAL-MED Volunteer, AST and DMSU training. Approximately 40 MST members participated.</p> <p>b. MST Advisory Committee has been re-vamped with an initial meeting on January 28, 2009. Next meeting is scheduled for April. Current efforts concentrate on validating Scope of Work and structure of the MST.</p> <p>c. 2009 Project plans include: Concept of Operations Update, 2009; Manual Update 2009; Recruitment and Training Programs.</p>
<b>System Development</b>		
<b>Response Resources</b>	Jim Hamilton, ext. 330	MST vehicles received, communications equipment is currently being installed; MST caches being standardized. The State Communications vehicle is currently receiving final radio and satellite installations.
<b>12. Medical Mutual Aid System and Regional Disaster Medical/Health Specialists</b>	Patrick Lynch, ext. 452	Rollout of the CDMOM will be a priority over the next few months, and may continue into the new fiscal year's scope of work. The RDMHS's will also resume work on the RDMHS and Medical Health Operational Area Coordinator (MHOAC) manuals.
<b>13. Mobile Field Hospitals (MFH)</b>	Jim Hamilton, ext. 330	Three 200-bed mobile field hospitals have been received and strategically located in stand-alone Response Stations in northern, central and southern California. Quarterly inspections of the MFH caches are ongoing.
<b>14. MRC (Medical Reserve Corps)</b>	Sheila Martin, ext. 465	<p>All trained MRC System Coordinators in the DHV System were provided secondary level security devices (FOBs) to access the DHV system from the internet. EMSA also offered a System Administrator training class in December for those interested MRC Coordinators or their designees who were unable to attend the training last May.</p> <p>Work will also continue on Resource Typing for Shelter Medical Care and Future MRC Exercise Opportunities.</p>
<b>15. Statewide Emergency Plan Update</b>	Jeff Rubin, ext. 419	OES is updating the Statewide Emergency Plan and moving toward implementing Emergency Functions. EMSA is a participant in stakeholder meetings for State partners. Participation will be ongoing. The draft Statewide Emergency Plan is available for comments and viewing at <a href="http://www.oes.ca.gov">http://www.oes.ca.gov</a> , under "Information and Resources".
<b>16. Emergency Medical Services Field Treatment Site Guidelines (EMS FTS)</b>	Juan Perez, ext. 472	<p>December 18, 2008 draft EMS FTS Guidelines released for public comment. The 60-day public comment period runs from December 18, 2008 through February 16, 2009.</p> <p>The EMS FTS Guidelines are available on the EMSA website at <a href="http://www.emsa.ca.gov/about/public_Comment.asp">http://www.emsa.ca.gov/about/public_Comment.asp</a> .</p>